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| In re Application of: Richard F. Carlson) | Group Art Unit: 1723 | | | |
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| Application No.: 10/812,822) | Examiner: Not yet assigned | | | |
| Filing Date: March 31, 2004 | INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT | | | |
| Title: REPLACEABLE MIXING) ELEMENTS FOR MOTIONLESS MIXER) | | | | |
| Mail Stop IDS Commssioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that the correspondence enclosed herein is being deposited as first class mail with the United States Postal Service on this date April 19, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop IDS, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. By: Teri Nelmark | | | |

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications and/or other information (attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449) of which he is aware pursuant to his duty of disclosure in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

| (a) | [} | accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. |
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| (b) | [] | is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within |
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| (c) | [X] | as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a |
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[If either of boxes (e) or (f) are checked above, the following "certification" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) may need to be completed.] The undersigned certifies that:

- [] Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
- [X] No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

A list of the patent(s) or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (Modified).

A copy of the items on PTO-1449 is supplied herewith:

[X] each [] none [] only those listed below:

Those patent(s) or publication(s) which are marked with an asterisk (*) in the attached PTO form 1449 are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application Serial No. filed _____ and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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[] is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted prior art "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, as defined in 1.56(b). The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.04-0822.

| | | Respectfully submitted, | | |
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